

The EGSIM combination service for monthly gravity fields

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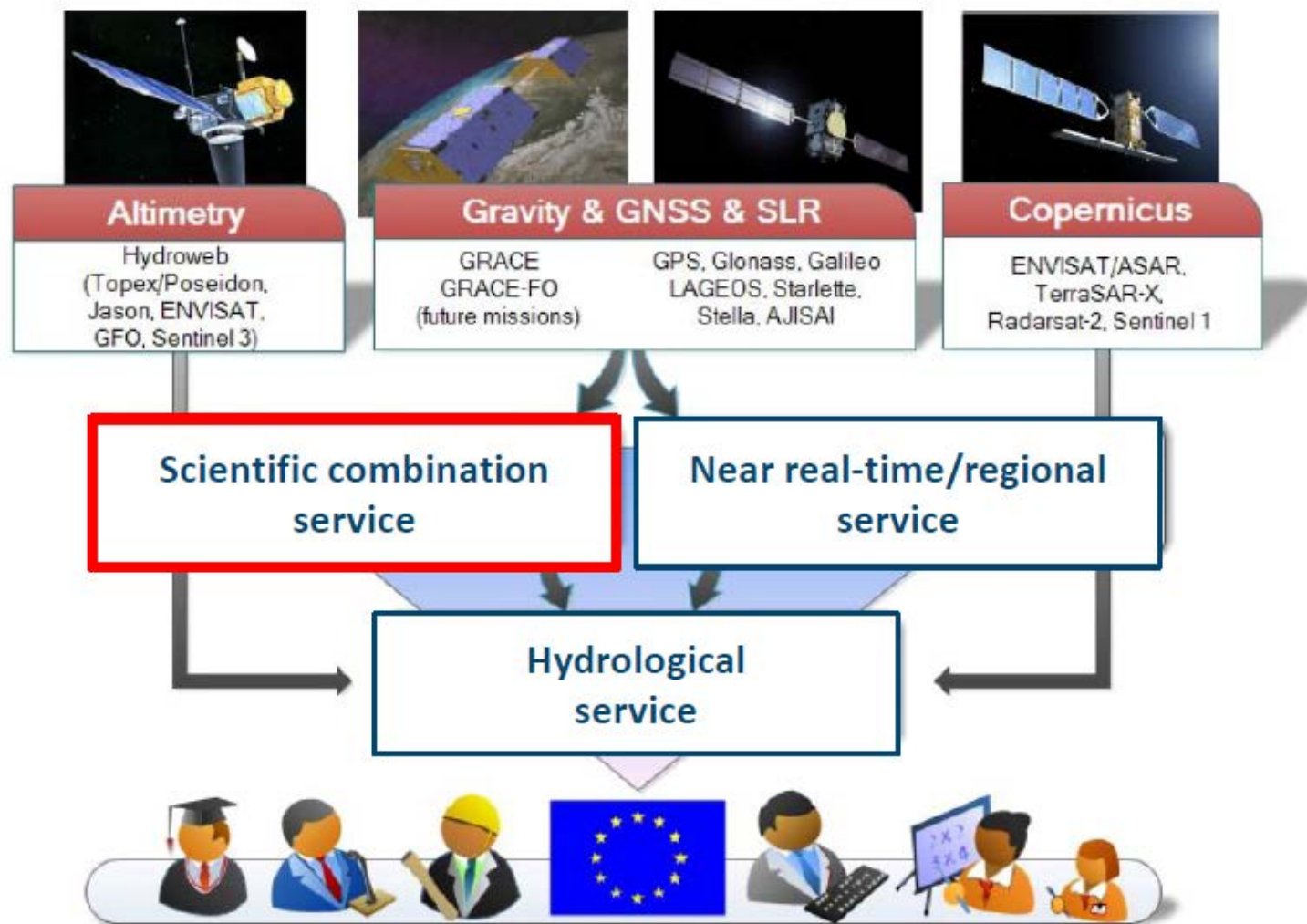
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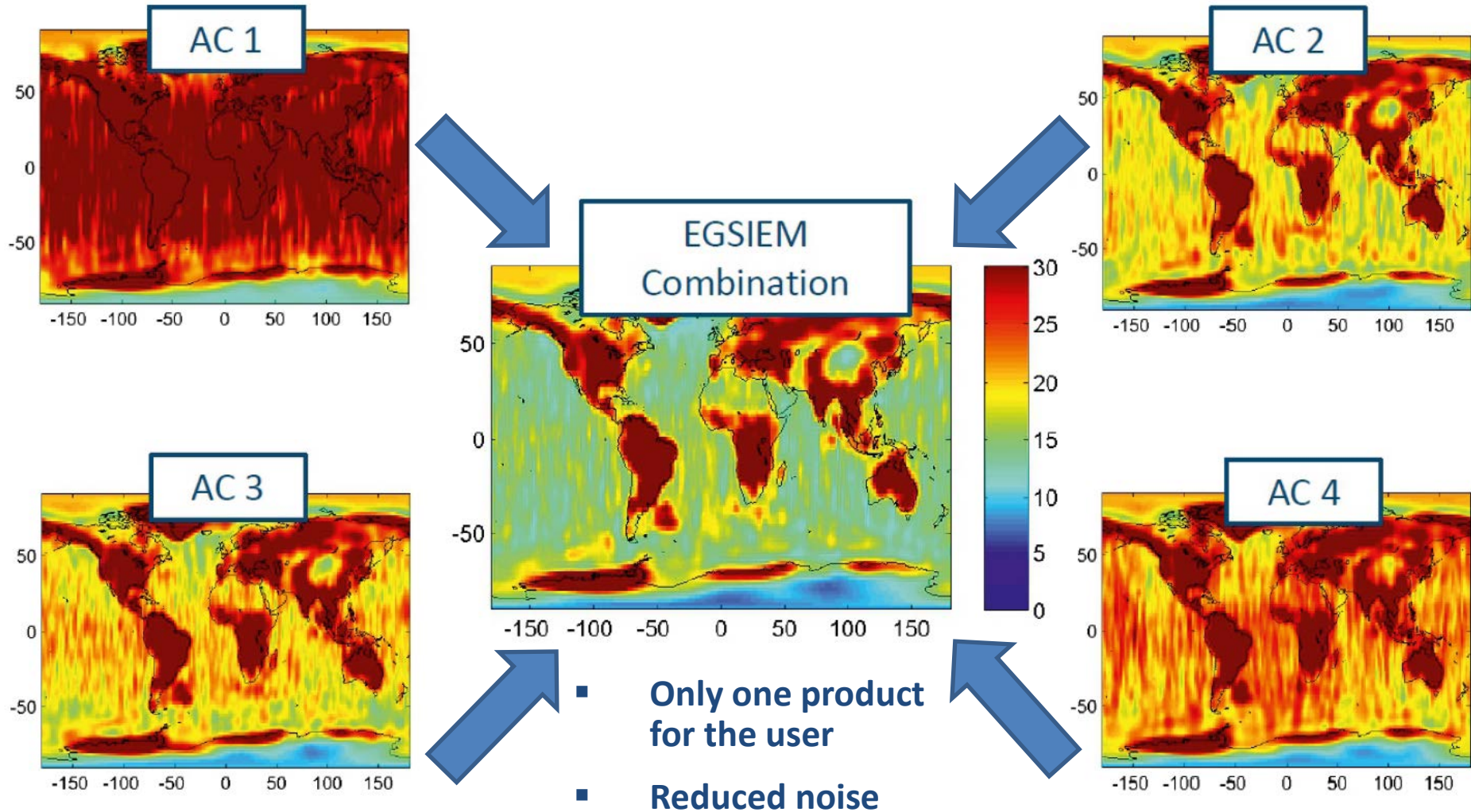
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EGSIEM Project – Three services are established



Scientific Combination Service



Scientific Combination Service

- The EGSiEM combination service provides monthly GRACE K-band gravity fields combined on solution / normal equation (NEQ) Level.
- To ensure consistency, a set of common standards for reference frame, Earth rotation, force model and satellite geometry were defined.

Why combine results based on the same observations?

Errors in GRACE monthly gravity fields are still dominated by analysis and background model noise, not observation noise => AC-specific errors are reduced by combination!

Linear observation equations:

$$l = Ap + \epsilon$$

Weight matrix:

$$P = C_{ll}^{-1}$$

Solution (least-squares):

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Non-linear case:

$$\mathbf{A} = f(\mathbf{p})$$

A priori:

$$\mathbf{l}_0 = \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{p}_0$$

Corrections (least-squares):

$$\Delta \mathbf{p} = (\mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}_0)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{P} (\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}_0)$$

Noise Model: Variance-Covariance

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Covariance information: correlations

Simplified error model:

$$C_{ll_0} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{\text{GPS}}^2 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \sigma_{\text{KBR}}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Separate estimation (regularization):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta p_o \\ \Delta p_g \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{A}_0)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{P} (\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{l}_0)$$

Problems

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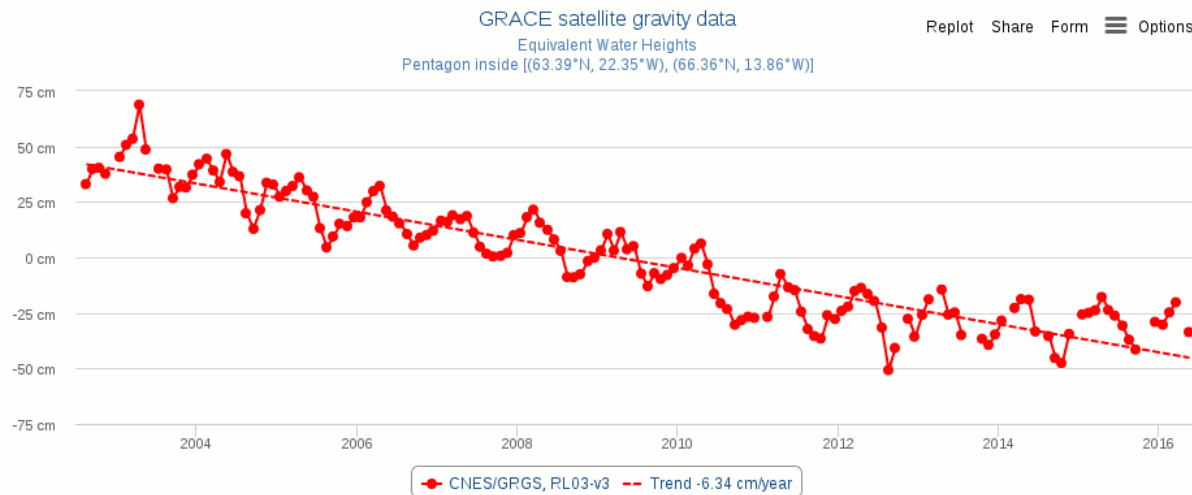
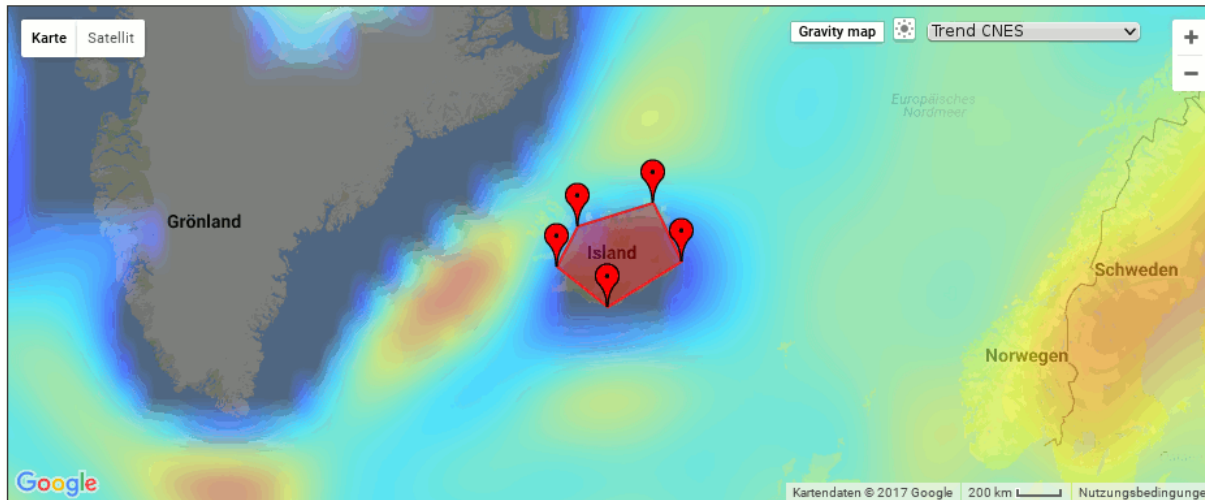
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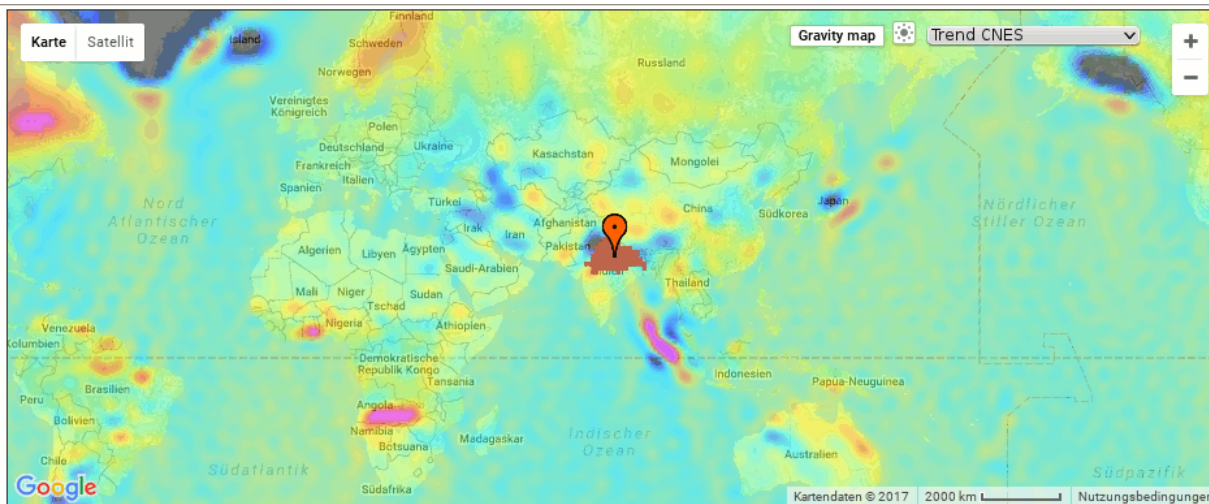
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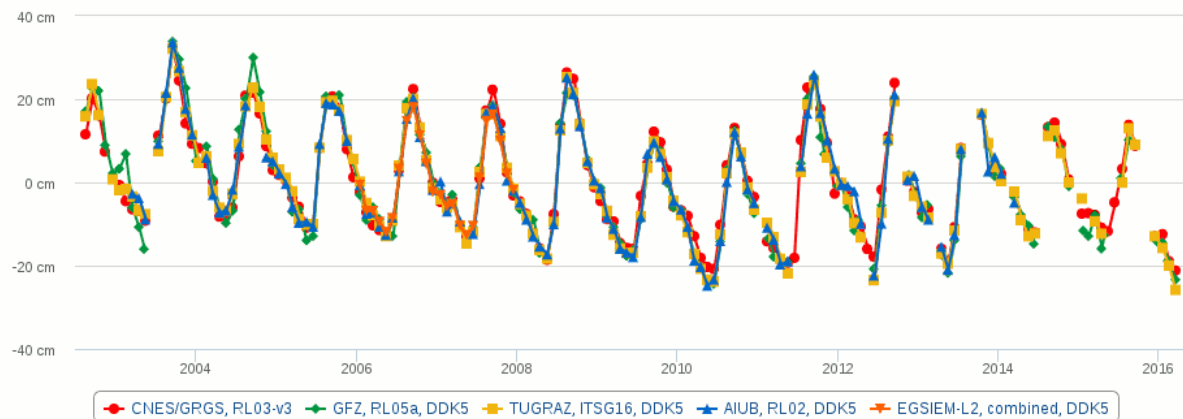


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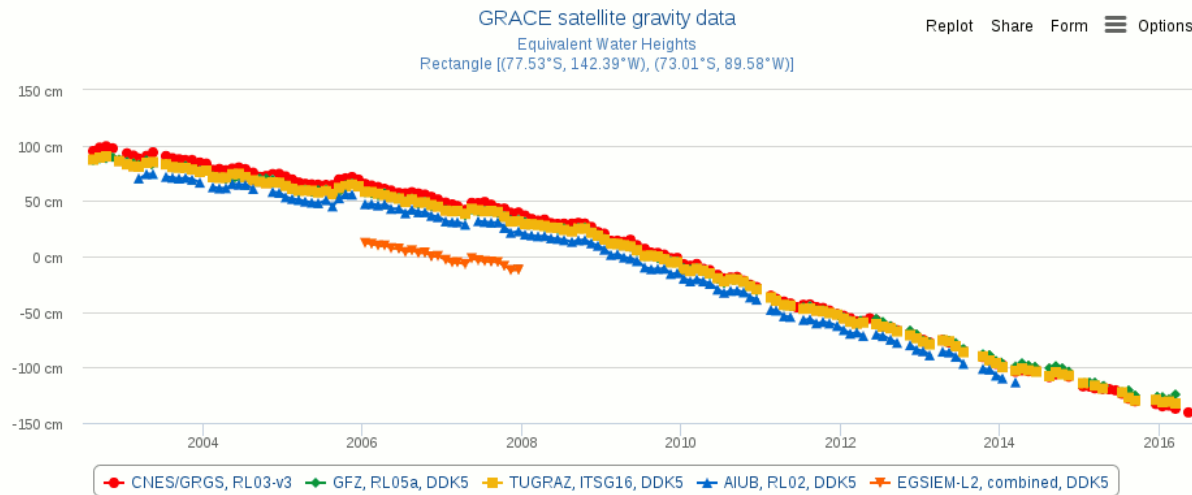
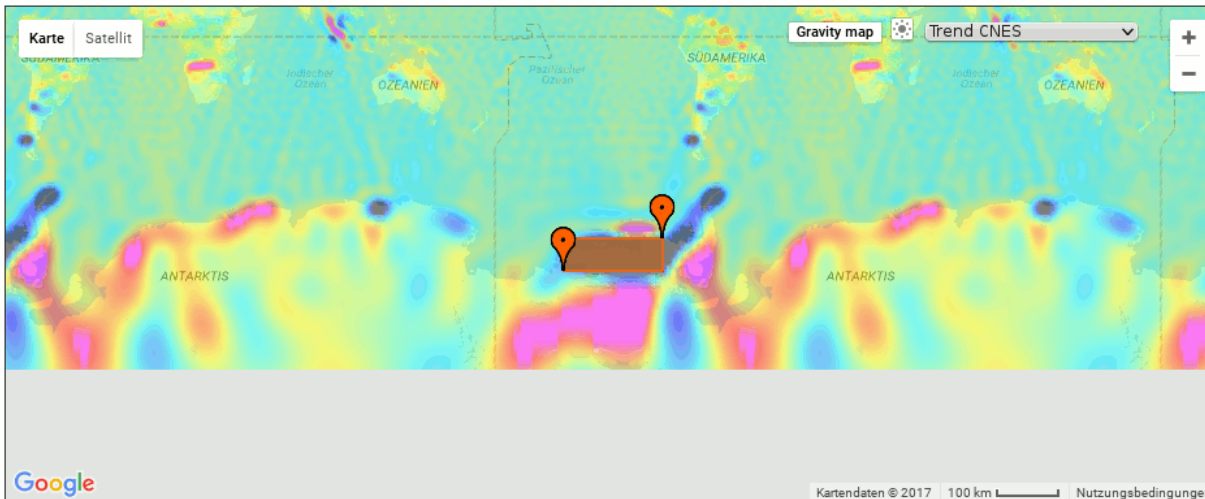


GRACE satellite gravity data
Equivalent Water Heights
Ganges basin

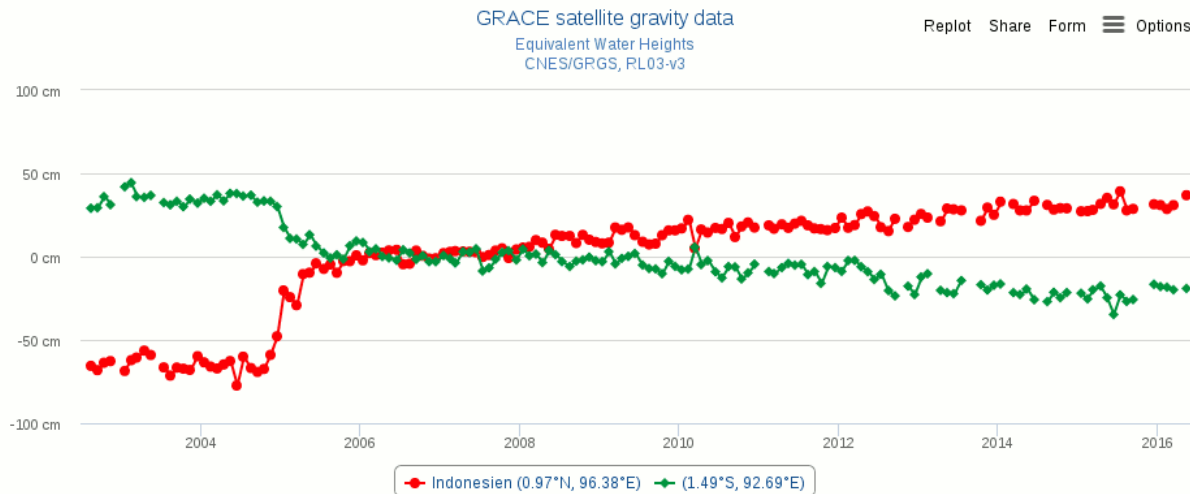
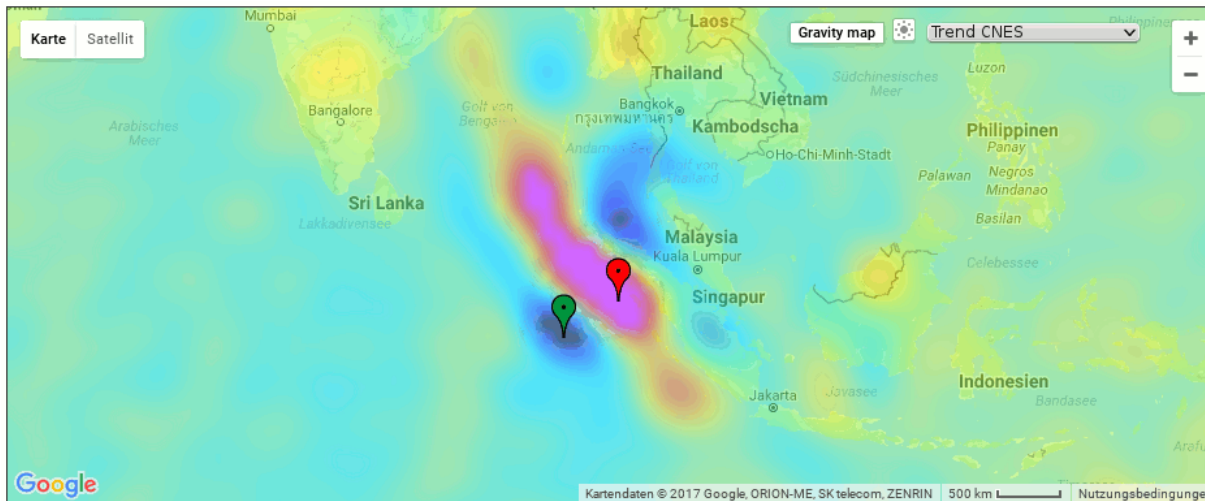
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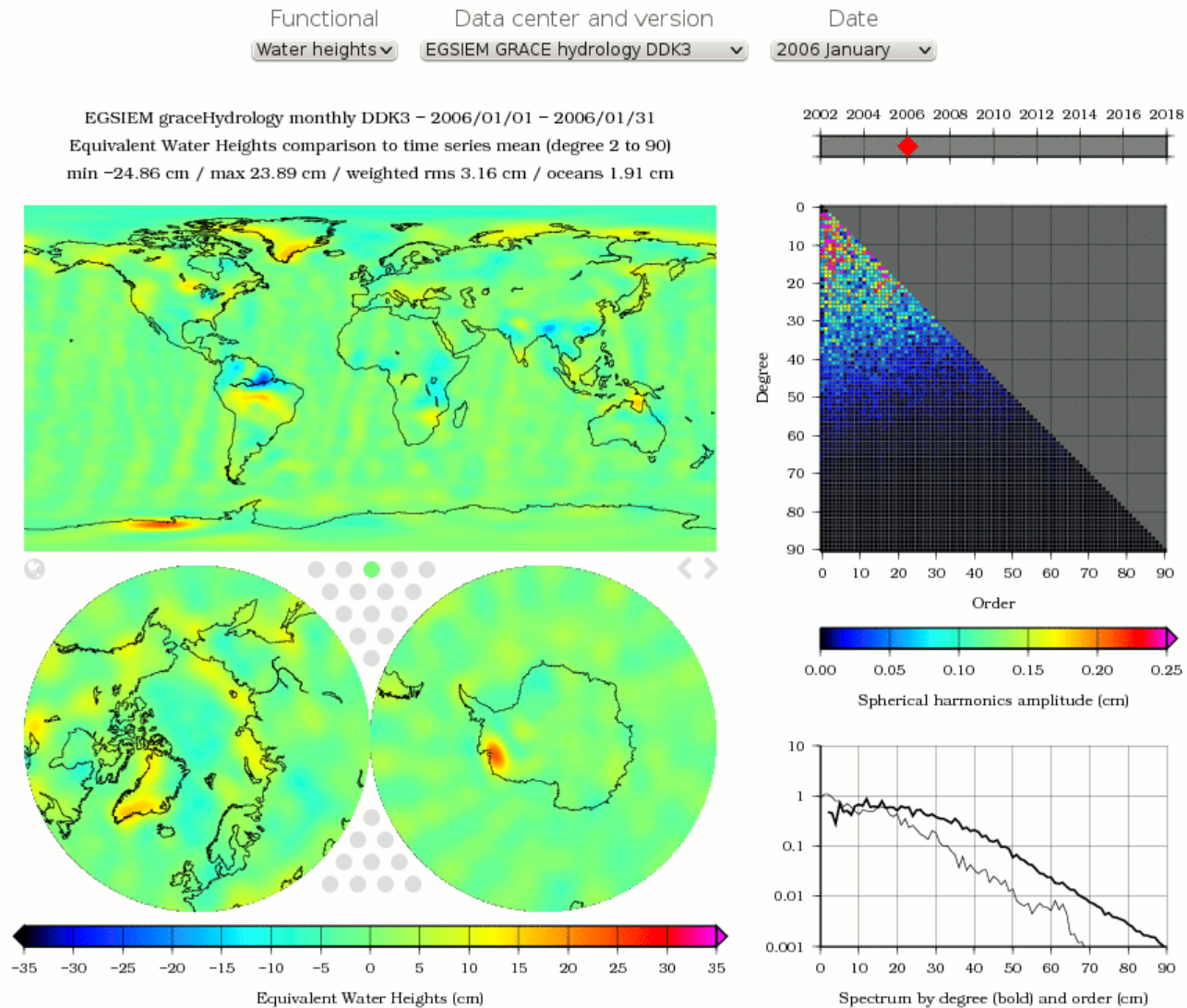
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EGSIEM-Plotter: L3-products



Concluding Remarks

- The products of the EGSiEM combination service are available at:
 - SH-coefficients (Level-2): www.icgem.de
 - grids and de-aliasing (Level-3): www.egsiem.eu
- The combination service will be continued as a Combination Center (COST-G) under the umbrella of the International Gravity Field Services (IGFS) of the International Association of Geodesy (IAG).